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SUBJECT: WHO SPECIAL COMMITTEE INQUIRY INTO HEALTH

CONDITIONS IN ME OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

1. MISSION HAS LEARNED UNOFFICIALLY THAT INDONESIA HAS RECENTLY AGREED JOIN SENEGAL AND ROMANIA AND CHOOSE EXPERT COMMISSIONERS TO STUDY HEALTH CONDITIONS OF INHABITANTS OF ME OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AS CALLED FOR IN WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY (WHA) RES. WHA 26.56 (MAY 1973).

2. WHO SECRETARIAT TELLS US THAT SENEGAL HAS ALREADY DESIGNATED A PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERT. ON MARCH 6 WHO WROTE TO ROMANIA AND INDONESIA ASKING THESE TWO COUNTRIES EACH TO NAME A PERSON FOR THE COMMISSION. WHO WROTE THAT THEY NEEDED AN EXPERT IN MENTAL HEALTH AND ANOTHER IN PEDIATRICS. NO REPLY HAS BEEN RECEIVED, BUT COULD ARRIVE AT ANY TIME NOW. ONCE THESE COUNTRIES REPLY, WHO PLANS TO CALL MEETING OF THE THREE EXPERTS HERE IN GENEVA FOLLOWING WHICH THE APPROPRIATE ME COUNTRIES WOULD BE CONTACTED TO ARRANGE FOR VISIT OF COMMISSION. THIS CONTRACT WOULD REPRESENT THE FIRST OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF COUNTRIES INVOLVED, INCLUDING ISRAEL.

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3. THE ISRAELI MISSION SPECULATES THAT THE PARTICIPATION OF SENEGAL AND INDONESIA IS UNACCEPTABLE TO ITS GOVERNMENT SINCE NEITHER OF THESE COUNTRIES HAS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. THUS, THE PROBABILITY EXISTS THAT TEL AVIV WOULD REFUSE TO PERMIT THE COMMISSION TO ENTER ISRAEL AND UNDERTAKE THE STUDY. IF PERMISSION WERE ASKED AND REFUSED BEFORE OR DURING THE FORTHCOMING WHA IN MAY, THE ISRAELI MISSION ANTICIPATES A CONFRONTATION AT WHA.

4. PREREQUISITES TO DEPARTURE EXPERT COMMISSION FOR OCCUPIED TERRITORIES APPEARS TO INCLUDE:

- A) RECEIPT RESPONSES FROM ROMANIA AND INDONESIA TO WHO MARCH 6 LETTER GIVING NAMES OF EXPERTS;
- B) CONVOCATION OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THESE EXPERTS AT GENEVA ;
- C) NOTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATE ME COUNTRIES, INCLUDING ISRAEL, OF EXPERT COMMISSION PLANS FOR INQUIRY;
- D) CONCURRENCE OF ME COUNTRIES TO PROPOSED PLANS.

5. MISSION WILL CONTINUE MONITOR AND REPORT DEVELOPMENTS THIS MATTER .
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